

Exempt Action

Boards of Nursing and Medicine

18VAC90-30-120. Practice of licensed nurse practitioners.

A. A licensed nurse practitioner shall be authorized to engage in practices constituting the practice of medicine in collaboration with and under the medical direction and supervision of a licensed physician.

B. The practice of licensed nurse practitioners shall be based on specialty education preparation as a nurse practitioner in accordance with standards of the applicable certifying organization and written protocols as defined in 18VAC90-30-10.

C. The written protocol shall include the nurse practitioner's authority for signatures, certifications, stamps, verifications, affidavits and endorsements provided it is:

1. In accordance with the specialty license of the nurse practitioner and with the scope of practice of the supervising physician;
2. Permitted by [§54.1-2957.02](#) or applicable sections of the Code of Virginia; and
3. Not in conflict with federal law or regulation.

D. A certified registered nurse anesthetist shall practice in accordance with the functions and standards defined by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (~~Guidelines~~ Scope and Standards for Nurse Anesthesia Practice, Revised 1998 2005) and under the medical direction and supervision of a doctor of medicine or a doctor of osteopathy or the medical direction and supervision of a dentist in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the Board of Dentistry.

E. A certified nurse midwife shall practice in accordance with the Standards for the Practice of Nurse-Midwifery (Revised 1993) defined by the American College of Nurse-Midwives.

Certification

I certify that this regulation is full, true, and correctly dated.

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